

SGA Elections Scheduled For March 19, 20 And 21 Educational Building Bid Awarded At Erection Cost Of \$245,281

On March 19, campaigning will come to an end, and RPI students will go to the poles to vote for their new SGA leaders. Elections will continue for three days, March 19-21 at the SGA office.

The two parties and one independent candidate are waiting for their platforms to be put to the test by student vote, having chosen candidates who have held office before.

Drury Lyle as head man of the CO-OP party, is a junior in the DE department, from Keyesville, Virginia. He was an officer in both his sophomore and junior classes, and has been active in the German club.

Vivian Trestman, a Junior drama major, is the CO-OP's bid for veep. Miss Trestman is president of the Art Student's League and is also active in the Theater Associates.

Lloyd Rogers, a sophomore commercial art major and Jean Dickerson, freshman DE major are the candidates from CO-OP for the offices of secretary and treasurer respectively. Miss Dickerson is treasurer of the present freshman class.

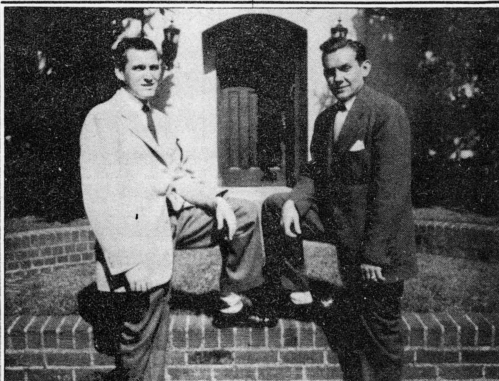
Mary Lou Nussman is an independent candidate for the office of vice-president. Miss Nussman is a junior advertising major from Richmond. She is secretary of the Woman's Athletic Association, and is a member of the varsity basketball team.

The IDEAL party is headed by Brooks Traweek, a junior business major from Norfolk. Traweek is a former president of the German club.

This party has selected Bobby Cohn, a junior physical therapy major from Waynesboro as its candidate for vice-president. Miss Cohn is president of the Cotillion club.

Mary Anne Mead, a social work major is running the IDEAL ticket for the office of secretary of the SGA. She was treasurer of last year's freshman class.

From Scituate, Massachusetts, Bruce Donlon, a freshman DE major, rounds out the IDEAL ticket as candidate for treasurer. Both parties are united in several points of their platforms.



Brooks Traweek and Drury Lyle via for SGA president.

Club To Offer Holiday Dance Saturday Night

Final arrangements have been made for the St. Patrick's Day dance on March 17th, according to Jack Kernan, president of the Newman club. The dance, an annual affair, will feature the Saint Patricks Day theme of shamrocks, high hats, and all the rest of the traditional "greenery".

The gym will serve as "little Dublin" for the night and the "shenanigans" will start at 8 p.m. Refreshments and entertainment that would make a true Irishman's heart leap will be featured, according to Kernan.

Senior Diplomas Will Be Changed

Approximately 250 seniors of the 1951 graduating class will receive new diplomas with gold seals and gold lettering, issued for the first time at RPI.

These diplomas are of the same type as those issued at Columbia University.

Any graduate student will be able to have the gold seal engraved on his old diploma, but the lettering will not be able to be changed.

The new diplomas will be made of the same quality sheep skin, with no increase in price.

Graduation exercises are set for June 11 at the Mosque.

Change Made In 'Electra' Opening Date

The staging of the Greek play "Electra", formerly scheduled for March 20, 21, has been changed to March 28, 29, and 30 in the gymnasium playhouse.

Donald Hermes, who is staging the full-length offering for his master's degree in drama, re-scheduled the presentation after the Spring vacation date decision.

"Electra" will be the second of three graduate thesis plays designed for this semester, with "Triplet-I" starting off the series last month.

Imogene Cowan, also a graduate student in the School of Dramatic Art, will portray the title role in Sophocles' tragedy concerning the hate of a daughter for her mother. The Greek dramatist's original was contemporarily adapted by Eugene O'Neill into "Mourning Becomes Electra", which was made into a movie several years ago. Hermes chose the original because his degree requirements demand staging of a period play.

Hermes is directing the cast and designing the settings, costumes, and lighting for his production.

A bid of \$245,281 for construction of RPI's new Educational building has been awarded to a Richmond contracting firm, Dean H. H. Hibbs announced this week.

The new building will be erected on the south side of West Franklin street in the 800 block and will be a multipurpose classroom and gym building.

Measuring 118 by 77 feet the building will contain a workshop, classrooms and offices on the basement floor, and a gymnasium on the main floor.

A total of \$249,000 in State funds has been set aside for the building. Dr. Hibbs said the contract was awarded to Conquest, Moncure and Dunn, who submitted a bid lower than two other Richmond firms.

This issue of the **PROSCRIPT** is featuring the activities of and news of interest for the alumni. Copies are being mailed to all alumni of RPI.

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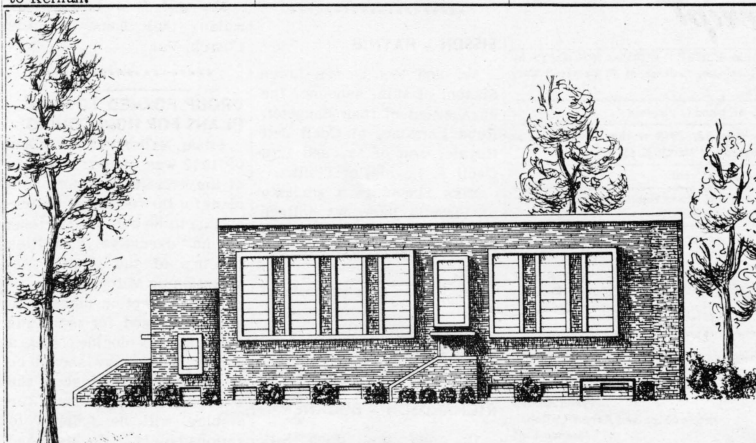
Awarding of the contract is subject to approval of State Budget Director J. H. Bardford and Governor Battle.

RPI has been affected by real estate deals totaling \$336,500 since September 1950. The transactions include purchase of two buildings and the scheduling of the new structure to be built this year.

The total is broken down to set aside \$249,000 from State funds for the new educational building; \$67,500 for the purchase of the Lafayette apartment building, and \$20,000 to buy a house for the School of Social Work.

The Lafayette Apartments at 312 Shafer street was bought September 29, 1950 from the Lafayette apartment corporation and is now a dormitory for 65 women students. Dean Hibbs stated that all dormitories which do not have sprinkler systems will be fire-proofed at a cost of about \$85,000. The social work school's new home is 812 Park avenue bought February 9, 1951 from Dr. and Mrs. W. Randolph Graham of Richmond.

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NEW BUILDING - Rear view of the proposed education building, incorporating a gymnasium. The construction contract was awarded this week.

A Job Deserving Support

The RPI Alumni Association is approaching its first birthday, and students and graduates alike would do well to give the organization both moral and financial support.

By giving a word of praise or a monetary token, students would indirectly aid the college and directly benefit an organization through which, in later years, they may keep in touch with their old alma mater.

During its first years of life the Alumni Association has firmly established two chapters and has two others in the forming stage. Also, the association has held one successful homecoming and is planning a second one. These facts are, in themselves, proof of the interest of graduates who wish for the association's success.

Here on the campus, students have organized the Alumni Booster club which is designed to incite interest and financial support on home grounds. The alumni movement is delightful to witness and participate in because it indicates far-reaching things to come.

At this stage of the game the alumni spirit should not be allowed to wane or stop in its progress. To succeed and accomplish its purpose the association needs continued support. Students who become active members of the Booster club and graduates who actively participate in the association will not do so in vain. A healthy and prosperous Alumni Association can greatly benefit the students, college, and graduates.

Campaign Spirit Wanted

Next week at this time four students will have been evaluated and chosen by the student body as the new leaders of the SGA. Who they are will be a mystery until next Thursday.

But what has happened to the vigorous campaigning performed in previous years is still a greater mystery. Juniors and seniors here will remember the stunts and spirited posters that emanated from every corner and tree of the RPI vicinity in former elections. Spirit was high for weeks previous to the balloting.

This year the pre-electioning has taken on an air of propriety uncommon to college campaigning. Perhaps the serious condition of the world and dubious future of most of the students have injected the new civilized frame of mind into student activities.

Perhaps this is only proper, but, in the last analysis, if young people revert their entire perspective to things far outside their realm, a grey-beard philosophy will take the place of things that once meant so much to youth.

We are not condemning the candidates and their parties — at least for their ideals and objectives that display thoughtfulness — but are only putting in a bid for a last minute burst of campaign spirit. Such activities are traditional and place more emphasis on voting power. The students expect spirit and want it.

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Letters To Editor

Position Of German Club; Hopeful Future

Editor, The PROSCRIPT:

In the past few days there have been numerous inquiries as to the position that the German club intends to take in the coming SGA election.

I wish to take this opportunity to state emphatically that the German club, as an organization, has not as yet, and will not, take any definite position in the campaign. The members are, of course, free to weigh the issues and reach their own individual decisions. But the German club as a body will take no stand. It will, however, pledge its wholehearted support and cooperation to the new president, whomever he may be. May the best candidate win.

Phil Pafford,
President, German Club

Editor, The PROSCRIPT:

As I sit, pen clutched in

"crummy palm", I cannot help but muse over some of the finer thoughts Miss Rowlenston projected in her story in the March 2 issue of The PROSCRIPT upon the blind few of us who hitherto might have aspired to a happy future.

Unaccustomed as I am to public retorts, I would venture to belittle the theory that our youthful trend is toward bitterness, futility and hopelessness.—True it is, that more HADACOL is needed to bring our generation a brighter tomorrow,—but we are so destitute that we can do nothing but deman our would-be fate while the world envelopes us in its plight? I don't think many of us are so embittered as to be this easily "squelched."

Frances Parkinson Keyes,
in the February issue of "The

Atlantic" illustrates this point with an eloquence that I could never achieve—so, in closing, I quote:

"I find it hard to believe that human nature will so suddenly change that it will cease to struggle against difficulties, or that this struggle will necessarily be vain. I also find it hard to believe that the world itself—that is, the world we know—will change so completely through wide-spread destruction as automatically to cause the futility of such struggles. I have faith that, whatever happens, the remnants of mankind will gather themselves together and, out of the wreckage of the world they know, create another."

Patricia Lemm, '51

Constitution Of Freshmen Is Ammended

The first ammendment to the Freshman class constitution, changing the quorum percentage for class meetings was confirmed by the SGA, March 7.

The new ammendment changes the quorum necessary to hold class meetings to ten percent of the paid membership. The constitution originally set this at 20 percent for both regular and special meetings.

The change was necessary because of the difficulty of getting members to pay dues and attend meetings, Baxter Duffy, president of SGA, said.

Besides the Freshman class constitution, the executive committee also reviewed the constitutions of the Cotillion, OT, Booster and Canterbury clubs. These were returned to the organizations for further revision before ratification.

Club Sponsors Fashion Show

A spring fashion show was sponsored by the Distributive Education club of RPI on March 14 at 8 p.m. in the school gym.

The theme of the show emphasized what the college student will buy and take home from Richmond. Men and women's spring apparel from a local store were modeled by DE students.

Models for the show were Barbara Woolridge, Frances Hermann, Ida Ponton, Pattie Royer, Phyllis Ellis, Carol Woods, Bob Fletcher, Ed Johnson, and Troy O'Brien.

Pat Vint was narrator and general chairman of the event.

The Social Light

BEAVERS - GROGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Jaeger Beavers, of Beckley, W. Va. announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Katherine to Nathaniel Perry Grogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonidas Polk Grogan, of Beckley, W. Va. Miss Beavers is a junior at Concord college.

Mr. Grogan is a senior at RPI.

The wedding will take place March 17.

BLATT - JOHNSON

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blatt announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Augusta, to James Walter Johnson of Richmond.

Miss Blatt is a graduate of RPI in the department of Applied Science.

The wedding will take place in June.

SISSON - HAYNIE

Mr. and Mrs. James Loren Sisson, of Mila, announce the engagement of their daughter, Reba Lorraine, to Cecil Jett Haynie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Haynie, of Tibitha.

Miss Sisson is a graduate of Virginia Intermont college and of Mary Washington college of the University of Virginia.

Mr. Haynie is a graduate of RPI.

The wedding will take place in the Spring.

RICHARDSON - BUCKNER

Dr. and Mrs. John Kirk Richardson announce the engagement of their daughter,

Suzanne Allen, to William Thomas Buckner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Buckner.

Miss Richardson attended RPI and Westhampton college. She was presented to society during the 1948-49 season.

Mr. Buckner attended RPI and the University of Richmond.

The wedding will take place in the early Spring.

WRAY - LAWSON

Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Wray, of New Kensington, Pa., announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen Fay, to John Whitman Lawson, of Newport News.

The bride was a student in the Fashion department at RPI.

The groom attended VPI, Blacksburg, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson are making their home in Falls Church, Va.

GROUP FORMED TO MAKE PLANS FOR HOMECOMING

Edgar Mallory of the class of 1942 was chosen chairman of the committee to formulate plans for the second RPI homecoming to be held next October at an executive committee meeting of the Alumni Association on March 3.

At this meeting plans were also discussed for promoting RPI. It was decided that a compact display should be erected that would show the work of RPI students. The display will be shipped to various points in the state and will be exhibited at high schools and conventions.

Virginia DE Clubs Hold Eighth Annual Banquet

"Let's Stay Free" was the theme for the eighth annual banquet for the DE clubs of Virginia, held March 5, in Ewarts cafeteria.

Eugene Sydnor Jr., the main speaker for the event, used the theme as the title for his speech. He stressed the value of freedom in retailing throughout the talk. He was introduced to the audience by Miss Louise Bernard, State Supervisor of Distributive Education and Director of the DE School here.

The banquet was one of the highlights of the two-day DE convention for high schools in Virginia which have DE clubs. The host for the convention was the DE club of RPI.

PRESIDING OFFICER

The presiding officer for the banquet was Donald Savage, parliamentarian of the

DE clubs of Virginia, and historian of the DE clubs of America. Savage is a student in DE at RPI.

Miss Katherine Bell, training director of Thalheimer Brothers, served as toastmistress for the event, and introduced the guests present at the banquet.

An honorary award was presented to Mr. Raymond Munsch, director of personnel and services at Miller and Rhoads Inc., by Leonard Maiden, former president of the DE clubs of America. Also, honor club awards were made by Mr. Ralph A. Rush, State Club Sponsor.

Delegates from the different high schools represented, gave reports of their club's activities during the past club year.

Following the banquet, a square dance was held in the gym for high school delegates.

String Quartet Plans Concert For March 15

The Richmond String Quartet's next concert will be held for the Womans club at Urbana, Va. March 15 at 2:30 p.m., Mr. Volney Shepard, director of the School of Music here, announced.

The program will begin with Baccherini's "Quartet in A major, Opus 33, no. 6." This will be followed by "Dover Beach" by Samuel Barber and "Quiet Work" by Mr. Shepard. The concert has selected as its closing number Beethoven's "Quartet in C major, Opus 59, no. 3."

The Quartet was organized in September and has been playing throughout the Richmond area ever since. It is composed of four members, two of which are faculty members at RPI. Mr. Milton Cherry and Mr. Efrim Fruchtman. Mr. Fruchtman joined the quartet in February after he was appointed to the music school faculty. Other members in the string ensemble include Mr. Howard Carpenter, Richmond university, and Mary Spooner, wife of Mr. Cherry.

CANTERBURY'S TO MEET

A meeting of the Canterbury club will be held Sunday March 11, starting at 6 p.m. Supper will be served at 25 cents a plate.

After dinner, Mrs. Marion will speak on "Building a Christian Marriage". New members are invited to attend.

It is your duty as a student of RPI to vote in the forthcoming S.G.A. Election.

SGA Wants Quick Action On Petitions

In a recommendation to class organizations, the SGA suggested that classes immediately begin accepting petitions for the forthcoming election of class officers.

According to the constitution, this would set the deadline for filing petitions at midnight, April 11, two days after returning from spring vacation.

"This date would make it possible to hold elections the last of April or the first part of May, thus giving the officers a chance to get the class programs organized for the first of the new school year," commented Baxter Duffy president of SGA.

Following discussion by the individual classes, the date will be officially announced by the Board of Elections.

Hucksters Club Is Being Formed By Advertisers

A new club, the Hucksters, has been formed by the advertising majors in the RPI School of Business Administration.

The club is designed to function as a medium through which its members will be encouraged to promote professionalism in advertising. The idea of the club was introduced to the Advertising department last semester and its process of organization was completed recently.

The officers are: Charles B. O'Brien, president; Gerald Marple, vice-president; James Shipp, secretary; Ellis Goff, treasurer; and Jack Kernan, SGA representative. Mrs. Dorothy B. Neely, head of the Advertising department of the School of Business Administration, is faculty advisor for the group.

In order to qualify for membership in the Hucksters, a student must be an advertising major and have completed nine semester hours in advertising subjects.

SGA Forms New Class Council To Knit, Foster All Classes

A new class council had been set up here under the guidance of SGA to develop and foster a better understanding between the four classes.

According to Baxter Duffy, President of SGA, this council will develop a group of rules under which classes will act, but it will have little power, except in a closer binding of the organizations. It will have no voting power.

The purpose, as stated in the council constitution, is to foster and perpetuate better cooperation among the four class organizations, and to expedite activities and policies best serving the joint interests of these organizations.

Active membership in this association shall include the

entire executive committee of each of the four class organizations.

The president of SGA will serve as president ex-officio, while the vice-president of SGA will be the executive secretary of the council.

The preamble states that such a group will probably be a help to students.



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Former Graduates Help RPI In Many Ways

By Fran Stringfellow

"How is the new Alumni Association helping RPI now?"

This is a question former graduates may well ask when they consider joining the organization or contributing their time to its work. Observers around the college today know the Alumni Association has already done a great deal.

One year ago, in March 1950, the Alumni Association was an ideal in the minds of a few prospective graduates but that was all. When "Alumni Association" was mentioned, the typical reaction was "We've tried to organize the alumni several times; nothing ever came of it. RPI is just too de-centralized a college to support such a group."

It took a few progressive-minded undergraduates to convince the general student body and the public that such an organization was possible at RPI. It also took hard work, long hours and a great many of skeptical persons to convert. It took sales talk, constant publicity and continuous planing. But the end justified the means.

GRADUATION TIME

By the time graduation came around on June 12, the class of '50 was already serving as a charter group of the new association. It had elected four graduates as temporary officers and had voted to donate its surplus funds to the founding of the Association. Even a few voluntary contributions had been received.

The future looked good—but, the critical point had been reached. Many other efforts to organize alumni had been successful up to a certain point but each had crumbled after the graduates became separated in June and went away from the college to areas often several hundred miles from Richmond.

Efforts of the charter group, which by this time had been joined by an enthusiastic collection of former graduates of the Richmond area, held the Association together during the summer months. Newsletters were sent out (the envelopes addressed by hand), meetings were held almost weekly, and plans were made for eventual incorporation and an executive secretary.

HOMECOMING

All efforts were centered upon homecoming held October 20-21 at the college. By the time it drew near the undergraduates were back at RPI and more hands were added to assist in the "dirty work." When homecoming weekend came off without a hitch, the Association only then realized that it had passed a milestone

in RPI's history.

But how has the Association benefitted the college even in this short time? Two persons who have worked constantly in student affairs during the past year sum up the feeling of students and faculty alike.

Dr. Margaret L. Johnson, advisor to the Alumni Association, commented: "The Alumni Association has done a wonderful job of uniting the undergraduates. The Booster's club, a recently formed student organization to encourage membership in the Alumni Association, is one of the most active clubs on the campus. Members of this club did a great deal to make homecoming so pleasant and it forms a link in the chain of undergraduates and alumni which should give the Association each year many interested members."

DR. JOHNSON

Dr. Johnson also remarked on the class of '50's gift to the Association, and said she hoped it was the beginning of further class and club donations.

From Baxter I. Duffy, president of the Student Government Association for 1950-'51, came the following remarks, indicating his belief that the Alumni Association is strengthening the undergraduate spirit:

"The Alumni Association has had a binding effect. It has caused the students to look to the future. Although too many who attend RPI take part in extra-curricular affairs only in their field of concentration, the Booster club has brought together all students and has given them a common goal."

"The Alumni Association has made undergraduates realize that after they leave RPI their interests will become more alike when they think about their former experiences here. This gives their present efforts more point."

An additional contribution the Association has made is the knowledge it has given to alumni and undergraduates of each other's progress. Students at RPI or very recent graduates can look with pride on some of the contributions their predecessors have made to local, state, and even national affairs. The older alumni are also given the opportunity to see the expansion of the college and to know that the institute from which they were graduated has prospered. Each year, the Alumni Association hopes, a degree from RPI will have more meaning, not only to persons in the vicinity of Richmond but to all those who hear the name in any section of the country. The alumni give credit to RPI.

Alumni Secretary Lola Mae Shiflett Has Full Time Job Handling Duties



LOLA MAE SHIFLETT

By Joy Reynolds

When the RPI Alumni Association was formed, most of the records and paper work were kept "catch-as-can", with students doing this voluntarily.

But as the organization grew and an attempt was made to get in touch with all RPI Alumni, the need for a full time secretary was felt.

In November, the Executive Committee finally found someone who could competently handle the job. Miss Lola Mae Shiflett, a '49 graduate of the RPI school of Dramatic Art was appointed to the position of executive secretary of the Alumni Association.

Besides handling all alumni correspondence, soliciting new members and getting out the Alumni bulletin, Miss Shiflett just completed the major task of bringing the alumni files up to date.

Hailing from Churchville, Virginia, Miss Shiflett was active in the SGA and the drama club while at RPI. Upon graduation, she was recipient of a leadership award.

Miss Shiflett was treasurer of her junior class, a junior marshal, and president of the Cotillion club.

Besides holding the position of treasurer and vice-president of SGA, she was president of the Honor Council.

She was a member of the Theatre Associates each year she was here, and was an officer in '47-48.

At present, she is appearing at WRVA theatre in the Children's Theatre performance of "The Empress's New Clothes".

In June, Miss Shiflett will take a leave of absence from her position at the Alumni office to become director of "dramatic arts at Teela-Wooket camps in Roxbury, Vermont."

Miss Shiflett was quite pleasantly surprised to be offered the job by the alumni office, for she feels that it gives her a good excuse not to leave RPI, of which she is fond.

the club has sponsored several dances and a variety show. During the first semester of the 1950-51 year it produced a weekly broadcast, "Here We Are," at a local radio station.

Future plans, President Martin said, include more membership and fund raising drives for the remainder of this semester.

Two Chapters For Alumni Booster Club Firmly Set Under Martin Aids Alumni

By Charles H. Stebbins

Progress of the RPI Alumni at the end of its first year finds two chapters firmly established with two new ones in the forming stage. A fifth spot is under consideration.

Activity in all four locations is intense and top Alumni officers believe things will pick up in the district now being eyed possible formation of a chapter.

The two established chapters are located in Richmond and Washington, D. C. The Richmond Chapter was formed on June 8, 1950 and the Washington Chapter on November 14, 1950.

Two other Virginia locations, Norfolk and Roanoke, are in the forming stage. Work in those cities consist now mainly of contacting resident alumni. As yet no official meetings have been held.

The fifth spot now under consideration is Petersburg, Virginia. Miss Lola Mae Shiflett, executive secretary of the Association, said that an alumni living there has a list RPI graduates residing in the area.

Members in the four cities besides Petersburg are busy recruiting new members and planning fund-raising campaigns. Social events help mix business with pleasure.

One way to help build up a college's alumni association is to excite interest and support on home grounds, an RPI student believes.

And that's what the RPI Alumni Booster club is doing. Under the leadership of President Eddie Martin, club members, as future alumni, are recruiting more students to their ranks. Martin said the club's membership now stands at about 200.

The club not only has membership drives, but money raising campaigns and splits club funds 50-50 with the Alumni Association. So far, however, no money has been turned over to the parent organization. The club is waiting until it gets on a more sound financial footing, Martin said.

The Booster club was born simultaneously with the Alumni Association and members were invited to the first homecoming in October 1950.

After that followed weeks of membership drives and the planning of fund raising activities. But the Booster club didn't want money just given to it outright. It wanted to provide entertainment and add to the social life of the college.

VARIETY SHOW

During the past six months

Glancing Backward

Since September RPI students have been engaged in many things.

Numerous events, social and academic, have taken place adding to the enjoyment of college life and marking progress.

Here's a breakdown of what's been going on.

September 29, 1950 - Freshman and transfer students who enrolled here were not strangers in Richmond long. A two-day orientation by the Student Government Association and RPI religious clubs took newcomers through a "get acquainted" period including a tour of the city.

John E. Gordon, a chemistry professor here since 1948, was appointed counselor of men replacing J. John Krepick, who resigned in August. Mr. Richard Carlson was appointed acting director of the School of Business Administration. Formerly both positions were held by Mr. Krepick.

Dr. Alice Davis, head of the Sociology department, was granted a year's leave of absence because of illness.

October 6, 1950 - A contest to rename the RPI yearbook was opened. But students liked the tradition and kept the previous name, Wigwam.

Dr. Curt Bondy, former professor of the Psychology department, wrote from his native Germany to thank the 1950 Wigwam staff for dedicating the issue to him.

Miss Theresa Pollak, head of the Fine Art department, began a year's leave of absence to do creative work. She will return to the teaching staff in September 1951.

October 12, 1950 - Dean H. H. Hibbs landed a record size bass in the mill pond of Falling Creek. The fish

weighed one and a half pounds and measured 22-1/2 inches.

October 20, 1950 - The college soccer team announced that it would operate for the remainder of the season as a independent club without financial aid from the college. The decision came after the the Athletic council was forced to cut the soccer budget due to high cost.

November 21, 1950 - Records proved that RPI's School of Occupational Therapy had the largest enrollment increase this year of any OT school in the United States. Total enrollment was 106 students, an increase of 47 since February 1950.

December 7, 1950 - The Linden Gallery of Contemporary art at 114 East Franklin street, had its formal opening. The gallery will function as a cooperative institution in which Virginia artists will have a place to exhibit their work. Students and faculty of RPI's School of Art are charter members.

December 20, 1950 - Mrs. Catherine Harahan Norton, 50, one of the first to enter RPI's graduate School of Social Work, died December 10 at her home in Hyattsville, Md. She entered RPI in the fall of 1921.

January 18, 1951 - February graduates made plans for graduation exercises, the first mid-year graduation in the college's history. Fifty students received degrees.

January 26, 1951 - Mrs. Emmanuel Silver sent a \$100 check to RPI for the purchase of child welfare books. Mrs. Silver is a graduate of the College of William and Mary.

March 2, 1951 - Mr. J. T. Walker, a member of the RPI teaching staff since 1919, retired because of ill health.

Contract Let For New Building

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NEW BUILDING

Money for the new structure came from two sources. Governor John S. Battle set aside in August \$149,000 from the Governor's Discretionary fund to supplement a previous \$100,000 ear-marked for RPI by the General Assembly. These represent the first State appropriations to the college. The other two buildings were bought from college funds.

The Lafayette building, a 17-apartment unit, was purchased to replace living quarters lost in the construction of the new building. Parts of the buildings at 813 and 819 West Franklin street, now used as dormitories, will be torn down to make space for the new structure.

The present gym at 216 Shafer street will be converted into class rooms.



812 PARK AVENUE

MAJOR EXPANSION

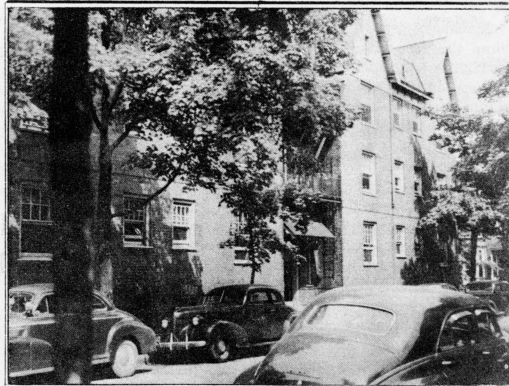
Purchase of the building on Park avenue makes possible a major expansion by the School of Social Work. Total enrollment of the school is now approximately 55 graduate students. Last year about 20 applicants were turned away because of inadequate facilities. Dr. George T. Kalif, director of the Social Work school, said the new house would allow an increased enrollment next year.

The building provides offices for the director and instructors, a reading room, conference rooms and a class room.

Acquisition of the 812 house gives the college three adjacent educational buildings on Park avenue with a total width of about 110 feet. The buildings at 814 and 816 Park avenue were recently remodeled and connected by an inside hallway. Also, two additions were built onto the rear of the structures.

FUTURE PLANS

Dr. H. H. Hibbs, dean, said that in the future, the new house may be remodeled and joined to the other two by extending the hallway from 814. There is adequate space to build an addition on the rear of 812 which will give



LAFAYETTE APARTMENT BUILDING

the building the appearance of being one large structure when viewed from the alley, Dr. Hibbs said.

The dean indicated that RPI now has sufficient property to convert the alley between Shafer and Laurel streets into what might be described as a private street for the college.

Plans are to improve the rear yards of the Park avenue buildings. This, coupled with the proposed new educational building to be constructed directly across the alley, will do much to beautify the area, Dr. Hibbs said.

Purchase of the Lafayette and Park avenue properties brings the total number of buildings owned by RPI to 23. The new educational building will be number 24.

Personally

NEWS FROM RPI ALUMNI

Helen Bader is working for the New York City Department of Welfare as a social investigator. She is living at 3732 Lyme Ave., Brooklyn 24, N.Y. Vernon P. Paulett, 2810 Kensington Ave., Richmond, Virginia, is teaching school. Robin Simons, 545 Warren Crescent, Apt. 7, Norfolk, Va., is assistant director of the Jr. College Program of Retailing at the Norfolk extension of William and Mary. Frances Stringfellow, 921 W. Franklin St., Richmond, Va., is employed in the business office at RPI.

Betty Ann Craig, 6006 Eastwood Terrace, Norfolk, Va. is an art teacher in Norfolk County.

Albert Jacobs, 16 E. 92 St., New York 28, N.Y., is a graduate student at the New York School of Social Work, Columbia University.

Frank J. Lincoln, Jr., is a commercial artist and lives at 33 Foshurst Lane, Manhasset L.I., New York.

Wedding bells will ring for Bob Lindholm early in the Spring. He has chosen for his bride, Mary Ann Wilkins of

Roanoke, Va. Bob has been recalled to active status in the U.S. Marine Air Force at Cherry Point, N.C.

Ann McElroy, 718 Park avenue, N. Erie, Pa., is a physical therapist in Lexington, Ky.

Virginia Eubank was married to Adolphus Bell Shepherd in February.

Ida May Esmond, 103 Ave. B. Virginia Beach, Va., is a clerk typist at the Navy Auxiliary Air Station, Oceana, Va.

Herbert Weisberger is camp director at Camp Greendale, Greendale Farm, South Salem, N. Y.

Jack Creasy Leads Large Alumni Group

During RPI's first homecoming last October, the following officers were elected to head the Alumni Association: Jack Creasy '42, president; Dabney Darroccott '50, vice-president; Mary Jo Stahl Southall '40, secretary; and William G. Sewell '49, treasurer.

While at RPI, Jack Creasy was president of SGA, editor of THE PROSCRIPT, and president of the Art Students League. At present he is display manager for a department store in Roanoke, Va.

Dabney Darroccott majored in business and accounting while he attended RPI. A veteran of World War II, he is now employed on the audit staff of Southern Dairies, Inc. in Washington, D.C.

President of the class of 1940, Mary Jo Stahl Southall was awarded an honor key for leadership.

William G. Sewell, SGA president in 1949, is now a social service worker for the Lutheran Children's Home in Salem, Va. A veteran of World War II, he revised the SGA constitution while at RPI.

First RPI Student Recalls Slight Enrollment At Start

One of the guests of honor at the homecoming banquet last October was Miss Mary Dupuy of Farmville. She was the first student to register at the Richmond School of Social Work and Public Health, predecessor of RPI.

Reminiscing at the banquet, Miss Dupuy gave the alumni a picture of the school as it was when she first enrolled in 1917. At that time the school was located on Capitol street in the same building with the Juvenile court. Dean Hibbs was then known as director of the school.

Miss Dupuy started her education at the Richmond

School of Social Work and Public Health with three other classmates. They were Mary and Alice Hopkins of Harrisonburg, and Elizabeth Johnson of Warm Springs. The staff of the school was composed of three members - Dr. Hibbs, Mrs. L. L. Colcord, and Mrs. B. F. Moomaw.

Miss Dupuy said that whenever she visits RPI she is always amazed at the school's present enrollment compared with the enrollment of four in 1917.

Miss Dupuy now teaches an adult education program in Berea College, Ky., for six weeks during the winter.

Don't Despair For Hair Not There!

By John Yeatts

Shades of super hormones men, they've done it. Some struggling scientist has finally come up with a cure for the shining pate. No fooling guys, it really works. Absolutely guaranteed to grow hair any place hair has ever grown. You simply apply the new hormone to the scalp and wait with anticipation.

This discovery, just before beginning production of the hydrogen bomb, may change the whole course of world events. Downhearted men all over the earth may take a new lease on life. And why shouldn't they, with science again turning out something to save life instead of take it?

It seems that the tiny pituitary glands located around your brain, and hitherto believed to be chiefly concerned with bodily growth and development, have been working

overtime. Scientists now believe that they also secrete a little hair growing juice. When your pituitaries renig, you just grow bald. Or in extreme cases of domestic wrangling you may grow bald even if the little bean sized rascal is functioning.

DRAFT ON TOP

So when you reach that age fellows — and you surely will — when you begin to notice a draft on top of the head as well as on the neck here is what you do. Just buy some of those high octane hormones, rub well into the scalp, grab a mirror, and just wait. Chances are that before long you'll be a candidate for shampoo, trim, and singe. Ain't life grand?

This discovery promises to place tonsorial artistry on the lucrative par with dentistry and public accounting. Barber colleges will no doubt flourish, and stock in home permanent

companies may shoot toward the ceiling.

A point not to be overlooked is the breaking of this news just before March 15. This year, men who have hitherto confined their reaction to form 1040 to nail biting, can tear their hair to their heart's content. They know now it's unexhaustable.

Bible Quiz Given By Westminster

The Westminster club featured a Biblical quiz at its meeting, March 6. The meeting was held at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

The quiz consisted of such questions as the origin of the word, Bible, the meanings of the words, Genesis, Exodus, testament, etc. In addition to the quiz, the members were served refreshments and Chuck Book read from accounts of Dr. Peter Marshall, famed Congressional Chaplain.

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PT Club Sees Film On Polio

A film entitled "New Horizons in Dealing with Infantile Paralysis" was presented at a meeting of the Physical Therapy club on March 6.

This is the second in a series of films obtained by the club from the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis.

Following the film, a discussion was held on the aspects of physical therapy and the methods of treating polio.

Plans for the club's May picnic were discussed and the refreshment committee was appointed.

Popular Musical Set March 24 With Big Cast

The "Desert Song", Sigmund Romberg's popular operetta, will be presented on the stage of the Mosque in Richmond for a one-night stand on Saturday, March 24.

It will be brought by the Cosmopolitan Opera Company of Philadelphia. This performance will mark the first time that the "Desert Song" has appeared on a Richmond stage with a professional cast.

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Hodges Directs RPI Players In Childrens Theatre Offering

Mr. Raymond Hodges, head of the School of Dramatic Art, directed the production of "The Emperor's New Clothes" for the Children's Theatre, Inc., which was presented at the WRVA Theater last Friday and Saturday.

Don Vest, an instructor in radio here, played the title role. Lola Mae Shiflett, a graduate of the School of

Dramatic Art, played the role of his beautiful empress.

Other RPI students who played supporting roles were Arnold Hyman, Arthur Greene, Bill Eacho, and Don Carter.

This is the 24 year for the Children's Theatre and its last production for this season. The group is sponsored by the city division of recreation.

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At right: Miss Elaine Krupzak, 5082 Lapeer Road, Port Huron, Mich.

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SPORTS



Connie Grumbles Chosen To Preside Over Southern District Convention

Sports Go 'Round

By Jim Fisher

As is customary with the start of another sports activity this corner comes up with a "the way I see it" article, which may materialize into brash prophecy as the season gets older. This has too often been the fate of our forecasts but when baseball is the impending activity the "out on a limb" view is more attractive and judging by past records—a little safer. So on with the prognosticative business and the reasons composing Part I of "How We See The '51 Devils."

Hampered last week by bad weather, their stand-by bugaboo, RPI's baseball Green Devils were slated to get the diamond doings in full swing this week. That gives the Green until April 10, date of the opener with Lynchburg, to mass their baseball wares. Not exactly a lot of idle time in their preparation schedule, especially since a week will be lost due to spring vacation, but enough time for an earnest participant in the Allen grid to become a fair conditioned athlete.

Shafer square's baseball paper stock is at a two year peak. Coach Allen has 12 lettermen back from a ball club that recorded a lofty .300 plus team average at the plate. Usually the veteran can coast into the line-up for the coming season on the basis of last year's showing. Taken for granted, the letterman is often lax in training and discourages Frosh aspirants. That isn't to be with Allen. The new Devils' mentor admits that a dozen returnees stir optimism but that his line-up will not prejudiced by last year's records...assurance that the '51 nine will be a bunch of hustlers and maybe a bunch of first year men.

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CONNIE GRUMBLES

Picnic Marks Sesson's End For Femmes

The RPI girls' basketball squad will have a picnic tomorrow at Byrd Park as they round out the current season. The affair is scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

Tennis and other sports will begin the activity which will be climaxed by a supper cooked in the shelters.

The RPI varsity team has an annual post season party or supper.

The 1950 basketball roster, included Virginia Dare Gardner, Margaret Johnson, Grace Dorey, Mary Lou Nussman, Pat Mathes, Rosalie Johnson, Connie Grumbles, Sara Phipps, Pat Bowery, Mary Lipman, Bet Simpson, Helen McRorie, Patsy Anderson, Tommie Hopkins, Gretchen Horne, Kathryn Keith, Jox Rowland, Emily Fugitt, Anna Johnson and Sue Pace.

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Connie Grumbles, an RPI physical education major, will preside over the student section meeting of the Southern District convention to be held at the Atlanta Biltmore hotel in Atlanta, Ga. next February.

The physical education major was elected March 2, at the student section meeting of the annual convention of the Southern District of the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. The three-day convention was held in Richmond at the John Marshall hotel.

The RPI junior succeeds Pat Ashley from the Women's college of the University of North Carolina. She will hold this office for one year.

Miss Grumbles has been the intramural manager at RPI for two years. She also has been a member of the hockey and basketball squad for the past two years.

The student section of the Southern district has more members than any of the other districts in the country, Miss Chapman, teacher in physical education, said.

Richmond was host to the three-day convention on February 28 and March 1 and 2.

The functions of the convention were centered around the various phases of health, physical education, safety and recreation.

Some events included in (Continued on page 8)

Allen Releases Baseball Schedule For New Season

Coach Allen today released an approximate 20-game baseball schedule for the 1951 Green Devil baseball nine.

Games scheduled include: April 10, Lynchburg College, Parker Field; April 17, Richmond Freshman, There; April 19, Wilson Teacher, Washington, D.C.; April 20, Bolling Field, Washington, D.C.; April 21, Fort Meade, Maryland; April 27, Norfolk Division, Norfolk; May 3, Wilson Teachers, Parker Field; May 5, Norfolk Division, Parker Field; May 10, Richmond Freshman, Parker Field; May 22, Langley Field.

Pending are three home games with Fort Meade, Langley Field, and Bolling Field; four dates with the Medical college, and Newport News; and two games with Bridge-water college.

Interest Shown In Tennis Team

What may be the nucleus of a first class college tennis team may be presently forming by a group of RPI boys headed by James Saunders and Bruce Donlan.

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Patsy Anderson and "Bop" Feaster were elected last week as Mr. and Mrs. Sports-Extra for 1951.

Patsy Anderson, Feaster Are Sports Extras

Ronald Feaster and Patsy Anderson are Mr. and Miss Sports-Extra of RPI for 1951. They were elected last week by voting of the student body.

Patsy Anderson, who is a sophomore from Petersburg, Va., is a member of the hockey and basketball squad. The physical education major received 721 votes. Her runners-up were Barbara Woodridge with 585 votes and Jo Verner with 541.

Ronald "Bop" Feaster, a commercial art major, hails from Carney's Point, New Jersey. He is a member of the soccer and baseball teams.

The RPI junior gained 371 votes. Buddy Long followed with 222 votes.

The winners of the nomination will be presented loving cups at the Monogram club's sweater, sock and stag dance to be held the latter part of March.

The activity was sponsored by the Woman's Athletic Association.

Nominations were ten cents and votes, one cent. Proceeds will go to the Hockey Camp fund.

Other nominations were Anna Johnson, Connie Grumbles, Virginia Dare Gardner, Mary Lou Nussman, Bet Simpson, Jim Fisher, Bob Tester, Leo Allen, Forrest Banton, John Cornell, Gauchio Diaz and the Tidewater boys.

Marge Colvin and Bob Tester carried the sports title for 1950.

Ty Cobb posted a lifetime batting average of .367.

CONNIE GRUMBLES

(from p. 7)

these phases were an aquatic demonstration and speeches by Jay B. Nash from New York university, who is chairman of the department of physical education and health. Other functions and lectures of the convention were on camping therapeutics, safety, professional education, college men and women athletics.

Dance demonstrations, luncheons and social functions and dances were also included in the three-day event.

Little League baseball embracing 16,000 boys in 28 states, was organized 11 years ago at Williamsport, Pa. by Carl E. Stotz.

Devilets Play Norfolk Today

Tennis Practice Begins Monday At Byrd Park

Tennis practice will begin next Monday, March 19 at Byrd Park. Practice matches are to be played at 4 o'clock on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings of each week. Miss Frances Chapman of the physical education department will coach the tennis team.

Intercollegiate matches are expected to be played with Westhampton, Bridgewater, Lynchburg and William and Mary colleges.

RPI Devilets journey to Norfolk division today at 3:30 p.m. to engage in their last basketball game of the season.

In the previous game with Norfolk division this season, the home team was slightly overpowered in the last few minutes of the game and lost to Norfolk by a 51 to 48 count.

After a 28-28 deadlock at the half, points were quickly racked up and the score soared 41 to 40 at the end of the third quarter in Norfolk's favor.

Statistics will be printed next week on RPI's girls basketball team.

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